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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Submitted herewith are the following:

- (1) Copy of a Taiwanese Office Action mailed June 21, 2004
issued in the counterpart Taiwanese application;
- (2) Copy of the cited publication and copy of U.S.
counterpart of cited Taiwanese reference; and
- (3) Form PTO/SB/08A. It is requested that an initialed
copy of the Form PTO/SB/08A be returned to indicate
that the publications listed therein have been
considered and made of record.

USP 6,486,504 is the U.S. patent counterpart of the
Taiwanese reference, publication No. 485620. This is clearly
seen from the title page of Taiwanese 485620 which identifies
U.S. application Serial No. 09/426,870 as the priority
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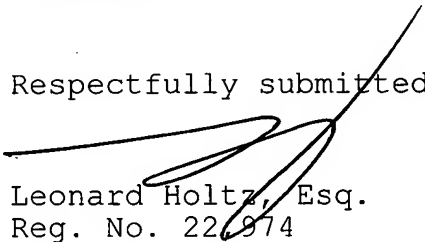
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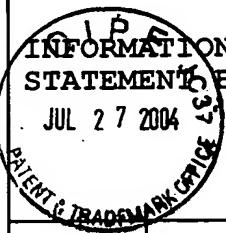
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